

Ben Eveleigh - Graythwaite Site Concept Plan and Stage 1 Project

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Subject: Graythwaite Site Concept Plan and Stage 1 Project

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

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SUBMISSION IN OBJECTION TO:

Application Name: Graythwaite Site Concept Plan and stage 1 Project

Application Number: Concept Plan (MP10_1049) and Stage 1
Project Application (MP10_0150)

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I hereby declare that I have made no political
donations

in the past 20 years.

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I have recently been made aware of this furtive, duplicitous attempt to
vandalise one of the last remaining heritage sites, its gardens and native
bushland, in North Sydney.

As if North Sydney hasn't had enough of this diabolical treatment over
the past 100 years.

Having worked and mixed with friends and colleagues in North Sydney
since the early 1970s, I am appalled that:

(a) Shore School should have been granted permission to purchase the building Graythwaite in the first place - surely its motives were totally transparent to even the most casual observer, let alone the Department;

(b) No promise to adequately respect the heritage value of the site has been kept by the Department or the School;

(c) Immediately (i.e. within 2 years) Shore School has executed such a self-serving backflip to proceed under a veil of sanctioned secrecy, with no adequate community consultation; and

(d) No guarantee from your Department has been made to ensure that a full and thorough Public Enquiry is conducted.

In 1904 Henry Lawson wrote of the suburb:

"The Spirit of North Sydney
Shall never come again."

At that point the suburb had taken a significant battering, which has continued over the ensuing 100 years. Now we have this latest piece of laissez-faire nonchalance from the Department, that will result in bulldozing of countless established trees and bushland - lungs for a severely denuded inner city living space, accompanied by more dense building and traffic congestion and pollution.

And after this show of complete disregard for the community, what next?

Hopefully it won't come to that, and you will do your duty and enforce a Public Enquiry with full community consultation.

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